

# LOS ANGELES COP TO STUDY EASTERN PLAN

## City Is Proud of Its Police Force

Los Angeles, Cal.—"I have been watching the Colored policemen of Los Angeles and have noticed that



Lieut. McDuff

they have no superiors in politeness on the force. Some of the politest men I have met in connection with the department, where courtesy is the general rule, are the Colored men." Thus Mrs. Gladys Cordes, new personnel chief of the Los Angeles police department, characterizes the 52 members of the police force of our city,

which has recently passed the million mark in population.

Mrs. Cordes in a long illustrated article in an afternoon paper placed courtesy at the head of the ideal officer's list of attributes in which she also includes courage, sympathy and horse sense.

The 52 officers in the Los Angeles police department are distributed as follows: Central division, Officers J. F. Brown, E. L. Conway, W. C. Hill, A. R. McClanahan, E. R. Roberson, M. B. Sheffield, H. Ross, R. Scott and A. A. Watson.

University division: J. W. Clark, W. Coleman, J. E. Holmes, L. E. Howard, B. G. Kelso, F. C. Kimbrough, L. Morris, Jr., H. O. Pollard, F. Randolph, H. J. Smith, G. I. Tate and F. G. White.

Lincoln Heights: H. E. Cole and G. S. Scott.

San Pedro: M. Montgomery, T. F. Norris, R. C. Potter, C. T. Slaughter and C. Smith.

Traffic division: F. E. Corley, A. Echols, T. V. Erskine, W. W. Pitkin and S. S. Wiley.

Juvenile and probation bureaus: Mrs. Georgia Robinson and Mrs. Nellie M. Reed.

Detective bureau: W. W. Glenn, assistant captain; Lieutenants, H. L. Garrot, R. F. Green, Littleton Mc-

Duff and W. L. Stevens; Detectives C. S. Broady and Jesse L. Kimbrough.

Hollenbeck Heights: P. J. Bomar and J. Sanders.

Recruit school: B. Bogan, C. O. Hodge, L. Hurd, L. C. Mays, A. Price, H. R. Rowe, C. Stovall and R. P. Towns.

Several of these officers have been cited for bravery. The most notable case was that of Traffic Officer F. E. Corley, who a few months ago caught a bank bandit with the plunder and armed to the teeth.

Assistant Captain of Detectives W. W. Glenn is the dean of officers here and may retire from the force within a few months. Capt. Glenn served on the Los Angeles fire department several years before entering the police department.

Detective Lieutenant McDuff, who is now touring the East as an honorary delegate to the Elks' convention in Pittsburgh, will at the close

of the convention make a special study of police conditions in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, New York, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Detroit,

Des Moines, Chicago and Kansas City. Mr. McDuff has a record of 14 years' service in the police department here, most of which time he

served as secretary to different captains of police and captains of detectives. At present he is secretary

to Captain H. C. Hickok, commanding the auto theft bureau of the detective bureau. In the event of a

voluntary retirement from the department of Assistant Captain Glenn it is expected that one of the four

detective lieutenants will be appointed head of the mixed squad of officers that will care for the new \$100,000 station soon to be erected on Central Ave.

Mrs. Georgia Robinson of the juvenile bureau is said to be the first woman of our Race to be appointed as a policewoman in the United States.

Mrs. Nellie M. Reed of the probation bureau looks the part and they say that the probationers walk straight when she appears.

Most of the officers own their homes and have families that are an asset to the community.

## CANADIAN DETECTIVE MADE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Hamilton, Can., June 13.—Harry Sayer, detective, and for many years a very popular member of the police department, is now deputy chief of police, having been appointed to that office some weeks ago, when former deputy chief David Coulter, was promoted to the head of the department.

Mr. Sayer has held many responsible positions in the law enforcement departments of Hamilton. He has in turn been constable, detective and deputy chief, and in each position named he has given eminent satisfaction. He is a level-headed, clean-cut official, who knows nothing of racial or religious prejudices, and members of our group are always certain to get a fair deal when occasion demands that they come in contact with him. He is of English parentage, although he was born, raised and educated in this city.

During his career as an officer he has taken part in many out of the ordinary cases, and he could tell some very interesting stories along this line, if he chose. However, it is not his habit to talk of his achievements. Deputy Chief Sayer is sure to make good in his new capacity.



## Negro Policeman Beaten by Youths

(Preston News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23.—Policeman C. F. Hawkins, of the 11th Precinct, was badly beaten

him at Chesapeake Junction last Wednesday evening. The attack was made while the officer was attempting to arrest one of the crowd. After stripping Hawkins of his badge and revolver, the majority of the youths ran across the district line and began to jeer Hawkins. A riot call was turned in by a man who witnessed the incident, and police reserves from the 11th Precinct station hurried to the scene.

Lieut. J. L. Sprinkle arrested one of the youths. He gave his name as Leroy Richardson, of Seat Pleasant, Md. A charge of assault was placed against him. On the other side of the district line, the police captured George Blair, also of Seat Pleasant, and turned him over to Sheriff Fugitt. When the necessary arrangements have been made, he will be turned over to the local authorities.

The injured officer was taken to Casualty Hospital in the patrol and treated for a broken arm and severe lacerations on the head and body.

## Confederate Daughters Wrangle; Patrolman of Color Soothes Them

Southerner Incensed When Lone Colored Patrolman Appears In Response To Call To

### Restore Order at D. of C. Meeting

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11—C. A. N. S.—“I think, to say the least, it is an outrage for a Negro policeman to be sent by the city government of Washington to preserve order among a group of Southern ladies, especially when there are so many white policemen in the District of Columbia. Will you please tell me who was responsible for this and why it was done? As a Southern man and member of Congress on the District Committee, I resent this action of the Police Department and respectfully demand an explanation. I agree and

D.C.

came a little alarmed at the trend of affairs, when someone called Captain Peck on the phone for an officer. Braxton, a long and faithful trusted arm of the law was sent as is characteristic of the Metropolitan Police Department, regardless of color, especially under the leadership of Major Sullivan. Before he had chance to fully realize what it was all about, Braxton found himself face to face with the stern portraits of Stonewall Jackson, Thomas Jefferson and Robert E. Lee, as well as in the midst of the Daughters of the Confederate gentlemen, who had in years gone by, held the iron hand of ownership, probably over his ancestors. Here he was sent to restore peace in a convention of Southern white women.

### “A Perfect Gentleman,” Says Mrs. Odenheimer

So tactful and diplomatic was Officer Braxton, that when inquiry was made as to the possible objection of a colored officer being sent, that Mrs. Frank G. Odenheimer, one of the delegates frankly admitted that, “The officer behaved like a perfect gentleman, and I respected his uniform.” Others spoke of how diplomatic he was in leaving immediately when he found that his appearance had restored order, saying, “He would remain on the sidewalk for a time in case he was needed.” So though he had done his job, that some of the delegates protested and asked that he remain inside, which he refused to do, but did wait on the outside.

Commending on the letter from Congressman Gasque, Major Sullivan said, “The matter was a regular routing affair under Captain Peck.”

Captain Peck is in charge of the Second Precinct to which Braxton is attached. When informed of Congressman Gasque's demand of an apology, the captain said, “They called for an officer. I sent them one and I have no apologies to make.” Braxton is hailed as an excellent officer by many of the white people on his beat, which he has been on for some time and inquiry brought out the fact that he is highly respected and liked at the precinct by even his fellow officers.

## NO APOLOGY FOR SENDING NEGRO OFFICER, SAYS CAPT. PECK

“He behaved like a gentleman and I respected his uniform” was the terse statement of Mrs. Frank G. Odenheimer after policeman Edw. H. Braxton of the 2nd precinct, had quelled a near riot at Memorial Continental hall, 1322 Vermont Ave., N.W. The United Daughters of the Confederacy were holding a meeting in this hall, when the proceedings became so noisy that neighbors, fearing a riot, sent in a call to the Second Precinct Station for policemen.

Policeman Edw. H. Braxton, of 1626 Vermont Ave., was sent to the hall. The presence of the officer had a very soothing effect on the meeting. Quiet was immediately restored.

As the meeting was made up mostly of women from the South, some considered the sending of an officer of Negro blood an insult. A southern Congressman named Gasque of the 6th Dist. South Carolina, upon learning of the incident, in an effort to take advantage of his being on the District Committee of the House wrote a letter to Superintendent Sullivan in which he said:

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“As a Southern man and a member of Congress on the District Committee, I resent this action of the police department and respectfully demand an explanation. I also think you should appear before that body and explain this action or apologize for it.”

Supt. Sullivan said it was a routine matter and therefore was up to Precinct Captain Peck. Capt. Peck says he will make no apology. He continued: “when the call came for a

policeman, E. H. Baxton, was on the Vermont Ave. beat, and had just rung in. It was the sensible thing to send him to the scene of disturbance and no apology is necessary.”

Mrs. Frank G. Odenheimer called Maj. Sullivan, Friday, and told him that if the ladies attending the convention had been half as well behaved as the colored officer sent to quiet them, there would have been no trouble.

## Policemen and Firemen-1924

General.

### SHORT CUTS

There are 1,000 colored policemen in the United States.

Among the 202,437 colored persons employed as cooks, 168,710 are females.

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Georgia.

### NEGRO POLICEMAN

It is becoming more and more apparent that we should have Negro policemen to patrol the sections where our people live. Lawlessness was never more rampant than it is today, and the one contributing cause is the lack of an interest in the persons concerned by those charged with the enforcement of law. It does not matter to the member of the other race whether a Negro is bad or not, just so he does not molest and interfere with white people. If he does then the worst treatment that can be accorded him is given. 7-24-24

Negro policemen are serving efficiently in other cities and they can serve just as well here. They are more efficient because they are in closer contact with our people than white, and do not have to depend upon stool pigeons, "pimps," and would pay more attention to complaints from our people than a white officer does. Law abiding Negro citizens would take a greater interest in law enforcement and in civic affairs if Negroes were employed to enforce the law as well as whites. They would not feel that they are betraying a member of their race into the hands of another which would mistreat him because of his color.

The best and greatest service Negro policemen could render to their people

would be to eliminate the killing of innocent Negroes who flee from officers of the law, and against whom they have personal grievances. Five Negroes have been killed by policemen during the present year for one cause or another. The Negro policeman would not be inclined to draw his gun and shoot down a fleeing prisoner as quickly as a white man who seems not to have any scruples about shooting a Negro.

There is no truth in the statement that a Negro would not respect a Negro policeman; Negroes respect the law enforcement agents as well as any one else. They have greater respect for those who treat them kindly and who treat them as men rather than as subjects of a race with greater power. The animosity which is aroused by many of the injustices done Negroes is responsible for much of the lack of respect given officers of the law. But Negro policemen would eliminate this by reason of the fact that every Negro would feel that he was a part of the city and the government. Certainly Negroes should ask for representatives for their race on the police force if for no other reason than to stop the shooting of Negroes who attempt to get away—Seiffel



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## HEROIC COLORED COP CAPTURES CRAZED SLAYER

### Shoots Down Man of Own Race.

One unidentified colored man is dead and Thomas Samuels, 52, and colored, is in the Bridewell hospital with five bullet wounds following a revolver battle between Samuels and Policeman Albert Blue of the Stanton avenue station, also colored, at Samuels' home, 3800 South Wabash avenue, early last night.

Policeman Blue escaped miraculously with his life. Samuels had fired at him time and again at close range, but the officer was reluctant to return the unsteady shots because his attacker was crazed with poison liquor.

#### Kills Colored Bystander.

The policeman was forced to shoot down his assailant, however, after Samuels had shot and instantly killed the unidentified colored man who followed Blue into Samuels' home.

Policeman Blue's report to Capt. Joseph O'Connell stated that Samuels, having drunk deeply of moonshine, was abusing his wife early in the evening and finally jerked out his revolver and fired a shot at her. Blue, passing by the house, heard the shot and rushed in.

Samuels barricaded himself in a room and refused to come out. The policeman started to batter down the door and Samuels opened fire. Blue fired a number of shots into the floor while the man in the other room fired through the door at him.

#### Final Shot Fatal.

As the door finally crashed down Samuels fired one last bullet, which struck the unidentified man in the chest. The policeman then fired directly at Samuels, striking him five times.

A large crowd was attracted to the house and milled about the street as the pistols cracked. Capt. O'Connell said he will seek extra compensation for Policeman Blue for his heroic action.

**BLUE GIVEN  
PRIZE; SHOT  
BAD GUNMAN**

## Brave Officer Fought Revolver Duel

For displaying exceptional bravery in line of duty Policeman Albert C. Blue of the Stanton Ave. station was awarded \$100 by the Chicago Tribune, its monthly hero prize.



Officer Blue

On the afternoon of June 27 Officer Blue was called to the home of Charles Samuels, 38th St. and Wabash Ave., who had become crazed by moonshine, barricaded himself in a room in his home and defied anyone to enter. Officer Blue entered the house through a side window, closely followed by two civilians, Odie Dennis, 3538 Dearborn St., and Frank Sherman, 19 E. 37th St. Blue approached the bedroom where Samuels was barricaded and ordered him to surrender.

#### Kills Civilian

A shot rang out. Sherman, who was in the hallway, fell dead with a bullet wound in his chest. Blue reiterated his order. Samuels replied that the door was unlocked, challenging the officer to "come on in." Blue knocked the door open and Samuels sent a volley of bullets at him. Blue returned the fire, ordering the desperado to drop his gun. "Here it is," Samuels replied. As Blue stepped forward to disarm him a bullet whizzed past his head. Retreating a few paces Blue opened fire and five of his bullets sent Samuels reeling to the floor. He gained his feet and attempted to battle further, but Blue subdued him in the struggle. Samuels was removed to the Bridewell hospital, where it was found that each of the policeman's bullets had taken effect.

During the gun battle it was discovered that Samuels had emptied and reloaded his revolver twice and a search of his clothes resulted in the finding of a reserve supply of ammunition.

#### Comments on Bravery

In commenting on Officer Blue's bravery Capt. Joseph J. O'Connell, commanding officer of the Stanton Ave. station, summed up his report to Chief of Police Collins as follows:

"It can readily be seen that Policeman Blue showed great bravery, and accuracy in shooting as he did in the face of death. Blue was alone but never flinched until he got his man, and I believe his to be an exceptional act of bravery."

Officer Blue is a World war veteran, serving with the Eighth regiment in France. He has been connected with the police force for about eight years.

# POLICEMAN WOUNDED IN GUN FIGHT

Through the bravery and deadly aim of Policeman Jesse B. Reese, assigned to the Cottage Grove Ave. station, two desperate bandits were sent to their deaths after one of them had shot and seriously wounded the policeman during a revolver battle between them just after the bandits had held up a druggist at 3701 Indiana Ave. late Friday night.

Policeman Reese, 36 years old, 3729 Giles Ave., is now fighting for his life at Michael Reese hospital with a bullet wound through his right lung. Another man, George Fuqua, 32, 3617 Vincennes Ave., an innocent bystander, was struck and seriously wounded in the head by one of the bullets fired during the duel.

At the time of the holdup, Policeman Reese, off duty, was walking west on 37th St. when he was told that three men were holding up Emil Napper, the druggist at the Indiana Ave. address. He hurried to the scene and reached there just as the bandits were fleeing from the store. Drawing his gun the policeman commanded them to throw up their hands. They replied by opening fire on him. He dropped to the pavement with a bullet in his chest, but in spite of his wound continued the fight. Weakened by his condition but undaunted, Policeman Reese raised himself from the ground on one elbow and emptied his gun at the bandits.

His bullets hit their targets. One of the bandits staggered into an alley in the rear of 3614 Indiana Ave.,

where he was found dead, shot through the heart. His companion, who has been identified as Arthur Breen 4610 Calumet Ave., was found Saturday morning in a vacant lot south of 3737 Michigan Ave.

The dead bandits were identified by the druggist as two of the three men who had held him up. One of them was also identified by Stanley Broderick as the man who had robbed him in his store at 334 E. 31st St., Nov. 6. The third bandit escaped. The trio got \$40 from the drug store. Fuqua, who was wounded with a stray bullet, was walking east on 37th St. with Isaac Eberhart, 4147 Indiana Ave. They had reached 37th and Michigan when the firing began. Both men dropped to the pavement to escape the flying bullets, but Fuqua was struck. He is married and has six children and is a member of Ebenezer Baptist church.

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## REESE A POLICE HERO

CHICAGO TRIBUNE AWARDS ITS MONTHLY \$100.00 PRIZE FOR BRAVERY TO COLORED PATROLMAN—OUT-FOUGHT 3 GUNMEN IN DEADLY STRUGGLE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12, 1924:—Extraordinary bravery and devotion to duty during a gun battle with three bandits in which he killed two and shot the third, although wounded, caused the Tribune to award its November \$100 hero prize to Jesse B. Reese of the Cottage Grove Ave. station.

Just before midnight on Nov. 7, Policeman Reese noticed 3 suspicious looking men running from the Griswold drug store, 3701 Indiana avenue. Reese ordered the trio to hold up their hands.

While his companions moved as if to comply with the order, one of the men suddenly drew a revolver and fired point blank at the policeman. Reese dropped to the sidewalk with a bullet through his right lung. Fighting to retain consciousness, Reese drew himself up on one elbow and returned the fire of the three bandits, all of whom had by this time drawn guns and were firing as they retreated.

Reese's first bullet mortally wounded an Arthur Breen who died nearby, and his second shot hit and mortally wounded a Jim Hamilton who did not get far. Witnesses said his other bullet wounded the third fellow, who got away. It was Breen who shot Reese.

CHICAGO ILL. TRIBUNE  
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## PLAN REWARD FOR NEGRO POLICE HERO

Chief Collins and Citizens Discuss Recognition of Slayer of Two Bandits.

Chief of Police Collins, the police efficiency committee, and several business men's organizations were planning yesterday for a suitable recognition of the heroism of Jesse B. Reese, the Negro policeman who killed two bandits and probably wounded a third on Friday night after one of them had shot him through the lung.

The bodies of two of three holdup men who robbed a drug store at 3701 Indiana av. just before their revolver battle with Reese were identified yesterday as members of the band that held up a drug store earlier in the evening at Thirty-first st. and Calumet av.

More than thirty victims of recent robberies will view the bodies today as a possible means of clearing up a number of crimes.

George Fuqua, 3617 Vincennes av., a bystander who was wounded by Reese, has been released by police. He is still in a hospital, however.

Isaac Eberhardt, 3147 Indiana av., is under arrest on suspicion that he may have been the third member of the band.

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Iowa.

## PROMINENT IOWA WOMAN IS APPOINTED DEPUTY SHERIFF

Sioux City, Iowa, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Effie Watkins, who for the past three years has been juvenile officer, has been appointed by Sheriff Park A. Findley as deputy sheriff in Polk county. Mrs. Watkins has been detailed to the Juvenile court and is the first woman of our Race to be made a deputy sheriff in Iowa.

Mrs. Watkins was dismissed as juvenile officer by Judge Thompson who presides over the Juvenile court, when the new ruling in the recent code issued reduced the number of officers. Mrs. Watkins having been a junior in the service, was one of the five officers to be dropped.

The splendid service which Mrs. Watkins has rendered among the children of this section was called to the attention of Sheriff Findley, who expressed the opinion that Mrs. Watkins should be retained in some capacity. Accordingly he requested the board of supervisors to allow him to appoint her deputy sheriff, which request was immediately granted.

Mrs. Watkins is the widow of the late Gus Watkins, well known in these parts. She is very active in church and social circles of this city.



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## POLICEWOMEN ARE TOO BUSY TO WATCH DANCES

Easton Also Has Colored Policeman

Easton, Md., August 22.—Pocomoke City is not the only town in Maryland with a colored police officer. This city has had a colored police officer for more than a year according to records here. Fred Smith, who is a regular uniformed patrolman, has made a record of meritorious service and is a seasoned blue-coat in this thriving Eastern Shore town.

### Has Negro Officer

EASTON, Md., Aug. 28.—Pocomoke City is not the only town in Maryland with a colored police officer. This city has had a colored police officer for more than a year, according to records here. Fred Smith, who is a regular uniformed patrolman, has made a record of meritorious service and is a seasoned blue-coat in this thriving Eastern Shore town.

### ASSISTANCE PROMISED

Mrs. Officer Harvey Tells Reporter She Will Gladly Help When Time Affords

That public dance halls and places of amusement for colored people do not get the supervision given that of the whites was practically admitted this week when Mrs. Officer Harvey, of the police department, told a reporter that she would give some attention to the matter.

### TO MAKE INSPECTION

When the matter was called to her attention, Mrs. Harvey stated that within the next two weeks she would make an inspection. Last winter, she said, certain kinds of improper dancing was taking place in the public places, and she expected to make another check soon.

In the white places of amusement the police women keep constant guard and several times of late, men have been haled into court for even making improper remarks to young women, strangers to them. The type of dancing is also carefully watched, and the condition under which these places are conducted is strictly supervised.

In the colored dance halls, however, the only constant supervision given for the most part is that given by the proprietors in charge. Male officers are generally present to take care of fights or other disorderly conduct of an aggravated nature.

### NEED COLORED POLICE WOMEN

The need of colored police women for these places has been pointed out from time to time, and General Galtner has expressed his opinion that they would be of great service. But as it will take legislative action to provide such position, it will have to wait until the next session of the Legislature. It is pointed out as one of the matters that the new Race Legislation Commission might take up for study.

Maryland.

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## CLEAR COLEMAN

ADMITTED ONE OF BEST POLICEMEN IN CITY, YET CITED BEFORE TRIAL BOARD FOR NOT RINGING IN CALLS ONCE — ATTY. RAMSEY CLEARS HIM — PARKER COLEMAN WINS — PROVES HE WAS SICK

Policeman Parker W. Coleman of Division 9, Dudley st., has been found not guilty of a charge of failing to pull duty calls from 11.30 p. m. until 1.15 a. m. on March 26. The trial board comprised Capts. John E. Driscoll of Station 6, Arthur B. McConnell of Division 1, and James Laffey of Traffic Squad, 21, Back Bay.

Policeman Coleman travels one of the busiest routes of the district comprising Dudley to Nawn sts. and Harrison av. to Washington.

The defense of Coleman, as presented by his attorney, Johnson W. Ramsey, was that policeman Coleman was a very sick man, having been suddenly attacked by chills and severe pains in his back, which rendered him very weak. In fact, so ill was the officer that he was unable to get to a patrol box to notify the station house that he was ill.

Being near the Dudley-st. Terminal, head porter John Birdsong of the Boston Elevated Railroad noticed policeman Coleman's condition and assisted him to the waiting room, which was very warm, and gave him a seat near the radiators.

### Dr. I. L. Roberts Verifies

Dr. Isaac L. Roberts, who examined policeman Coleman, testified that the officer was a very sick man on the night or early morning of March 26. Dr. Roberts told the board that policeman Coleman had been under his care previous to that date for an illness similar to that which attacked him on the day in question.

Policeman John Lackon told the trial board that he had known Coleman had not been well, and on the morning that Coleman failed to pull his duty call he saw Coleman, who was pretty sick.

Lieut. Jeremiah Riordan, who was at the desk when policeman Coleman reached the house that morning, testified that policeman Coleman was very ill; that he was shaking, and that he told Coleman to remain in the station house until he felt able to go home.

The lieutenant was asked by attorney Ramsay if in his mind the condition of Coleman was in any way the result of liquor, and the lieutenant replied: "No; not at all; I was very close to him, and there was absolutely no sign of liquor on him."

### Captain Admits Good Record

Capt. Fitzgerald, who brought the complaint, was asked by attorney Ramsey regarding the previous conduct of policeman Coleman. The captain replied that he was a very good officer; that there never had been a complaint against him, and that he regarded him one of the best officers in the house.

Massachusetts.

## Negro Police Officers Score.

Our Negro citizens who believe in the enforcement of law will rejoice that the shame brought to them in the Main Street Bank robbery last week was in a large measure relieved by the efficiency of members of their Race in the Kansas City police department. A news story in another column of this issue tells of the arrest of three of the robbers and of the confession of two of them. These arrests were made by our Negro officers on information which they secured. All the details of the robbery which have been revealed have come as the result of these arrests.

The work of Carter, Foster, Moore and Dougherty, who made the arrests, should be appreciated and commended by every law-abiding citizen. They should be made to know, by your expression of approval to them, that you are behind them in the discharge of their duty.

The work of a policeman is a difficult task to perform. There is a side to most men which causes them to take the part of the underdog. As a consequence there is a feeling of sympathy which goes out to a person whom we see in trouble. We feel resentment when we see a man under arrest and if he is struck with a policeman's stick we feel like engaging the officer in a fist fight.

We should remember when our sympathies are inclined to run away with us that a bandit knows no color and respects the rights of no one. He will rob anyone with equal promptness if the occasion presents itself.

The safety of the law-abiding citizen who does not carry a gun rests in the efficiency, courage and alertness of the police. They should be supported in any reasonable measures adopted as the means of promoting public safety.

Congratulations are due Officers Carter and Foster first. They made the first arrest on Friday night, less than twelve hours after the bank robbery had been committed. It was through the arrest which they made that information as to the whole matter was secured. How "Tug" Carter gets his "tips" and "clues" no one knows; what everyone does know is that he gets them and that when he gets them he has the courage to act.

Officers Moore and Dougherty should not be forgotten. They were assigned a task and successfully completed it.

As the city continues in the hold of a wave of crime it should be remembered by all that the great mass of the Negro population here does not constitute a criminal element. There is no citizen who possesses a higher regard for right than does the average Negro. Crimes which startle and shock the community touch this class to their very soul. They understand the burdens which the Race must bear and groan when those among us who are criminally inclined make it heavier.

Our representatives in the law enforcement service help the situation when, by prompt action, as in this case they bring about the speedy arrest of those guilty of crimes.

Congratulations to Carter, Foster, Dougherty and Moore.

## NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS MAKE A CATCH OF BANK BANDITS

Three of the men charged with being implicated in the Main Street Bank robbery last Friday are in jail awaiting trial under bonds of \$75,000 each. Tuesday afternoon Frank Merriweather, Ellis Burton and Burdette McPherson were arraigned before Judge Alex D. Saper on a charge of first degree robbery.

The robbery which was pulled off last Friday morning was one of the largest and most daring ever attempted in Kansas City. Five men drove to the bank in a motor car, within a few blocks of the Nineteenth street police station, took \$44,500 and for the time escaped.

All the men participating in the raid were Negroes. It was thought at the time that this circumstance would make their apprehension difficult if not impossible.

Up to the present, three men have been arrested in connection with the crime and two are said to have made and signed confessions. The first arrest was made Saturday night about 11 o'clock at 1817 Harrison street, when Frank Merriweather was taken into custody by "Tug" Carter and Lewis Foster. Statements in the daily papers to the effect that the arrest was "made on information supplied by Carter" are incorrect, as the first arrest was actually made by Carter, and the others followed on information contained in a confession made by the man whom he arrested.

The second arrest was made Saturday night when Officers Moore and Dougherty went to 1336 East 16th street, where McPherson roomed, and arrested him. McPherson was arrested and charged with being the driver of the car used in the raid. In a statement made to the police at the show-up Monday morning he said that he was forced to drive the car.

Burton was later arrested by Carter and Foster and charged with being an accessory after the fact. It is said that in his confession Merri-

weather had told that it was at Burton's room the money stolen from the bank was divided.

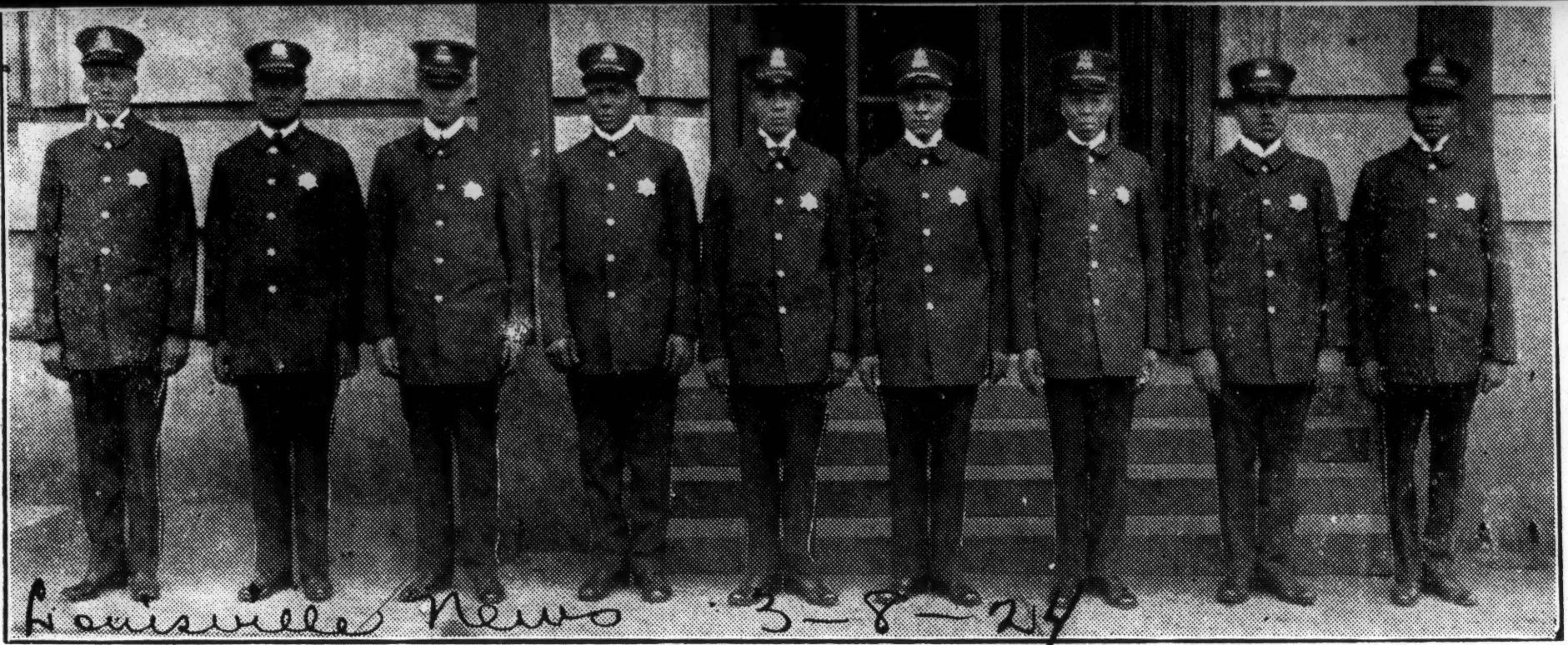
The names of others involved in the robbery have not been given out. It is understood that they are known to the police and that they will be apprehended if possible.

Of the money stolen so far only \$2,101 has been recovered. All this, however, has been recovered through the efforts of Negro policemen; \$1,450 by Officers Carter and Foster and \$651 by Officers Moore and Dougherty.

A story was in circulation early in the week to the effect that Officer Carter had been arrested and charged with having taken part of the money which was supposed to have been taken in the arrest at 1817 Harrison. This story proved to be groundless and is said by some persons to have been started in an effort to discredit Officer Carter and deny him opportunity to receive the reward money. Quite a sum will be paid in rewards when the case is finished if convictions are made. The company which carried the insurance on the stolen funds offered a reward of 20 per cent of the cash recovered and the Bankers' Association offered an additional reward of \$500. Having made the arrest on which the confession was obtained that resulted in the recovery of the money Carter and Foster, it is said, would be entitled to all the reward money offered.

When arraigned before Judge Saper Tuesday afternoon all three men plead not guilty. The bond was fixed at \$75,000 each and the preliminary hearing set for January 30th.





These men helped make St. Louis, Mo., safe. The same number could make Louisville safe. . . Hemphill and Wood are but two men. What it takes to clean up the Negro districts of Louisville is a number of Colored plainclothesmen and a number of Colored uniformed men. Uniforms impress everybody with Authority—whether it is a porter on a train, a bellboy in a hotel, a fireman at a fire, a soldier in the army or a policeman on a Beat. Give us Colored Policemen!

ATLANTIC CITY

SEPTEMBER

NEWS GATHERED ON THE NORTHSIDE

# Colored Policewoman Out for County Committee Job

Mrs. Bessie Waites Would

Succeed Herself—Pretty

Wedding Attended by

Northsiders—S o c i a l

Clubs Entertain

NORTHSIDE BUREAU,

1711 Arctic av.

Mrs. Bessie Waites, of 627 Lexington av., is making an active campaign to succeed herself as county committeewoman for her ward. She has the endorsement of the regular republican organization, the Citizen's Protective association, and the Ladies' Auxiliary. To Mrs. Waites goes the honor of having the first colored policewoman appointed in New Jersey, as Atlantic City is the first and only city to have such officer in the state.

## Popular Couple Wed

A beautiful wedding was solemnized Thursday evening when Miss Olinda Lee Hamilton became the bride of Luke Taliferro. Both young people are members of Atlantic City's younger social set.

Before the ceremony Mr. Arthur S. Hamilton, uncle of the bride, sang "On Promise Me," accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Arthur S. Hamilton. Aloysius Brown was best man, Miss Grace Hamilton, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a beautiful honey dew colored georgette crepe dress trimmed with ostrich feathers. Around the waist was a narrow strip of rhinestone. She carried a large bouquet of dahlias. Jane Johnson was flower girl.

At 7 o'clock the bride entered upon the arm of her father, Charles Hamilton, the wedding march being played by Miss Maxwell. The bride was dressed in a beautiful white canton crepe dress, heavily beaded with small crystals. Master Lee Hubble was train bearer. The bride carried a large white bouquet. Mrs. Carrie Hamilton, mother of the bride, wore a handsome grey headed dress with shoes and stockings to match.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. L. Martin, under an arch of colored flowers and palms, which were presented to her by the junior choir of Asbury church, immediately after the ceremony the

happy couple left for Pittsburgh. They were accompanied by the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, of Pittsburgh. They will remain in Pittsburgh for a month or more.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson and family, Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Morris, Mrs. S. P. Jackson and daughter, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Mayme Pierce, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Epps, Mr. and Mrs. Minus, Miss Maude Crawford, of Philadelphia; Mr. S. Lee, of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Sarah Brown, Mrs. K. Grimes, Miss Liza Grimes, Mrs. Brookes and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Minus, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Clarice Walker, Miss Amanda Withers, Miss Margaret Hubble and family, Miss Ella Scott, Miss Irene Smith, Prof. Morgan Dickerson, Miss Harry W. White, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Howard Collins, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jeffries, Wesley Green, Misses Mary Pipes, Grace and Anita Hamilton, Amaza Morris, Chystal Martin, Gussie Spence, Alpheus and Fayerman Querc, Clarice Barnes, Charles Murray, Thomas Lee, Pressly Smith, Hobart Taliferro, Leroy Morris, Mr. Freighton, James Campbell, Aloysius Brown, Charlie Bantin, and Norris Mantley.

Thursday morning the bride was given a wedding breakfast by her cousin, Mrs. Margaret Hubble. Those present were Miss Olinda Hamilton, Luke Taliferro, Mrs. Margaret Hubble, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton and family, Mrs. Aloysius Brown, Master Lee, and Bill Hubble.

## PINCHED BY NEGRO COP, THREATENS TO SUE JERSEY TOWN

CAPE MAY, N. J., August 15.—

(By The Associated Negro Press)—Be-

cause a colored motorcycle police-

man assisted in his arrest for being

disorderly, Frank Grady, a Virginian,

has threatened to sue this town,

claiming that the policeman, Edward

Major, struck his wife. The officer

denies the charge. Grady and two as-

sociates were fined \$25 and costs in

police court. They had been making

a disturbance in front of a local ho-

tel.



## Nichols, Prison Keeper, Transferred



## Nichols Only Colored Prison Keeper Transferred

Claude H. Nichols, the only colored prison keeper in the Department of Corrections of New York City, who was appointed on July 23, 1921, to Hart's Island branch penitentiary, was transferred to the Harlem prison, 121st street, between Lexington and Third avenues, on December 20, 1923. When interviewed by a News reporter he said: "I wish to state that I am one of the many colored citizens of New York city who during the Hon. Mayor Hyman's administration, have been given an opportunity to make good in one of New York city's wonderful departments. I feel proud of my position, as I have the distinction of being the only colored turnkey in the Department of Correction, and also stationed in Harlem. There are quite a number of colored police officers in New York city who are my friends, and I know their tasks are hard; but I give them the dimple smiles when I tell them the hardest job, when capturing him is holding him. So, you see, it looks as though a prison keeper's task is a little bit hard, also. My previous experience in Uncle Sam's military service has taught me discipline. I have very good superior officers, and I try to show my loyalty

toward them and the people of New York city by fulfilling my duties to my duties to my uttermost, because Mayor Hyman's administration has given the colored citizens of New York the greatest opportunity they have ever known. Tammany Hall does not talk history; it makes it. The Fifteenth Regiment Armory, the bath house, playground, milk booths, housing conditions and the manifold benefits resulting in good to this community prove the sincerity of Mayor Hyman."

NEW YORK

## NEGRO POLICEWOMAN LOSES JOB.

On recommendation of Mayor Schwab the council this afternoon declared vacant the position held by Fannie Smith, negro policewoman. The mayor informed the council the policewoman is physically unfit for service. She has been in the department six months.

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## OLD NEGRO POLICEMAN TO GO

J. W. Lee of Brooklyn Will Retire—  
Senior in Age and Service

New York's oldest negro policeman, both in age and service, has applied for retirement. He is John W. Lee, sixty-five, of the Clinton street station, who was the second negro appointed a patrolman in Brooklyn in 1892.

He enlisted in the navy as a youth, served under Admiral Porter, Admiral Davis and Admiral Dewey when the latter was a lieutenant, was in the escort for General Grant when he made his famous tour of Europe after he was President, served through the Turkish-Russian War, the British war in Egypt and witnessed the British bombardment of Alexandria. "Oldest Negro Patrolman to Retire."

New York's oldest negro policeman, both in age and service, has applied for retirement. He is John W. Lee of the Clinton Street Station. Lee was appointed as a patrolman on Dec. 10, 1892, in the old City of Brooklyn. Later, with the amalgamation of the five boroughs, he was transferred to the department of the great city. Failing health was given by Lee as the reason for his desire to retire.

## OLDEST POLICEMAN TO TURN IN BADGE

New York, Aug. 29.—New York's oldest policeman of our Race, both in age and service, applied for retirement recently. He is John W. Lee,

65, of Clinton St. station.

Lee was the second man of Color appointed a patrolman. That was on Dec. 10, 1892, in the city of Brooklyn. Later, with the amalgamation of the five boroughs now composing New York city, he was enrolled in the city department, in which he since has been active despite his years.

Failing health and his need for a rest after long, faithful service, were given as reasons by Lee for his desire to retire from active duty. From his early days, beginning with an enlistment in the United States navy, he has been in public service. It is expected Commissioner Enright will grant his request for retirement immediately.

Lee was born in Washington City on July 4, 1859. In his teens he enlisted in the navy and, as he put it, "went on a sight-seeing trip around the world." In the navy he became well known to Admiral David D. Porter, Civil war hero, and Admiral John Lee Davis. He served on the S. W. Hearn when Admiral George Dewey was a lieutenant.

As one of the crew of the U. S. S. Trenton in the Mediterranean he was in the escort of Gen. U. S. Grant on his famous tour of Europe after he was President. Lee also saw many armed conflicts, among them the Turkish-Russian war and the British war in Egypt. He witnessed the British bombardment of Alexandria.

Relieved from ship duty, Lee was sent to the naval laboratories by William McAdoo, now chief city magistrate, then assistant secretary of the navy under Cleveland. He served there until his appointment to the Brooklyn police force.

Lee lives with his wife and two daughters at 1923-A Classon Ave., Brooklyn. One daughter is a clerk in the state license bureau, the other is employed in the general postoffice.

Raleigh Negro  
One of Oldest  
Firemen in State

Raleigh, Aug. 22—Charles Cardwell, who died here Thursday, was one of the oldest firemen in North Carolina. Cardwell retired from the Victory Department here several years ago when the city abandoned the volunteer fire department. He was said to be a remarkable fire fighter and was always a conspicuous figure at the negro firemen's tournaments a few years ago. He had been Sexton of the first Baptist church here for more than twenty five years. Cardwell was eighty years of age at the time of his death.

Policemen and Firemen—1924.

"Keg of Nails" Is A KILLED BANDIT  
Drum Major Now



RUFUS PINCKNEY

Rufus Pinckney, Baltimore boy and former member of the First Separate Company, got the name of "Keg of Nails" for his exploits on the field of battle in France. He is a policeman now in Pittsburg, assigned to the 2nd Police Station, and when he walks down Wylie avenue peace and quietude reign.

Officer Pinckney was sent recently to Ensley, Alabama to get a Pittsburg criminal. He found him stopping with some former Baltimore residents there and brought his prisoner back safely.

Off duty the policeman is acting as drum major of the Woodman's band. He lives at 614 Protective Place.

Gets Part Back Pay

MEDIA, Pa., May 22—Lawrence Locke suspended from the Chester police department on April 25, 1921, was awarded \$250 in his suit for \$3800 back pay last week.

Locke was suspended following charges of disorderly conduct, lodged against him.



Officer George Nicholson of Duquesne, who sped on the trigger saved his life and resulted in the death of John Fritz, white, when the latter was caught attempting to rifle a pool room.



# Policemen and Firemen—1924.

Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

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## First Negro Policeman Assigned to Beat Here

The appointment of Milwaukee's first negro policeman was approved at a meeting of the fire and police commission Friday night. He is Judson Minor. He will be assigned to night duty in the lower Second ward. The commission also approved the application of Lewis E. Sawyer to conduct a private detective agency. Mr. Sawyer was formerly head of the department of justice here. Steve Choyinski, Otto Sonnenberg and Alvin Stiller were appointed to the fire department.